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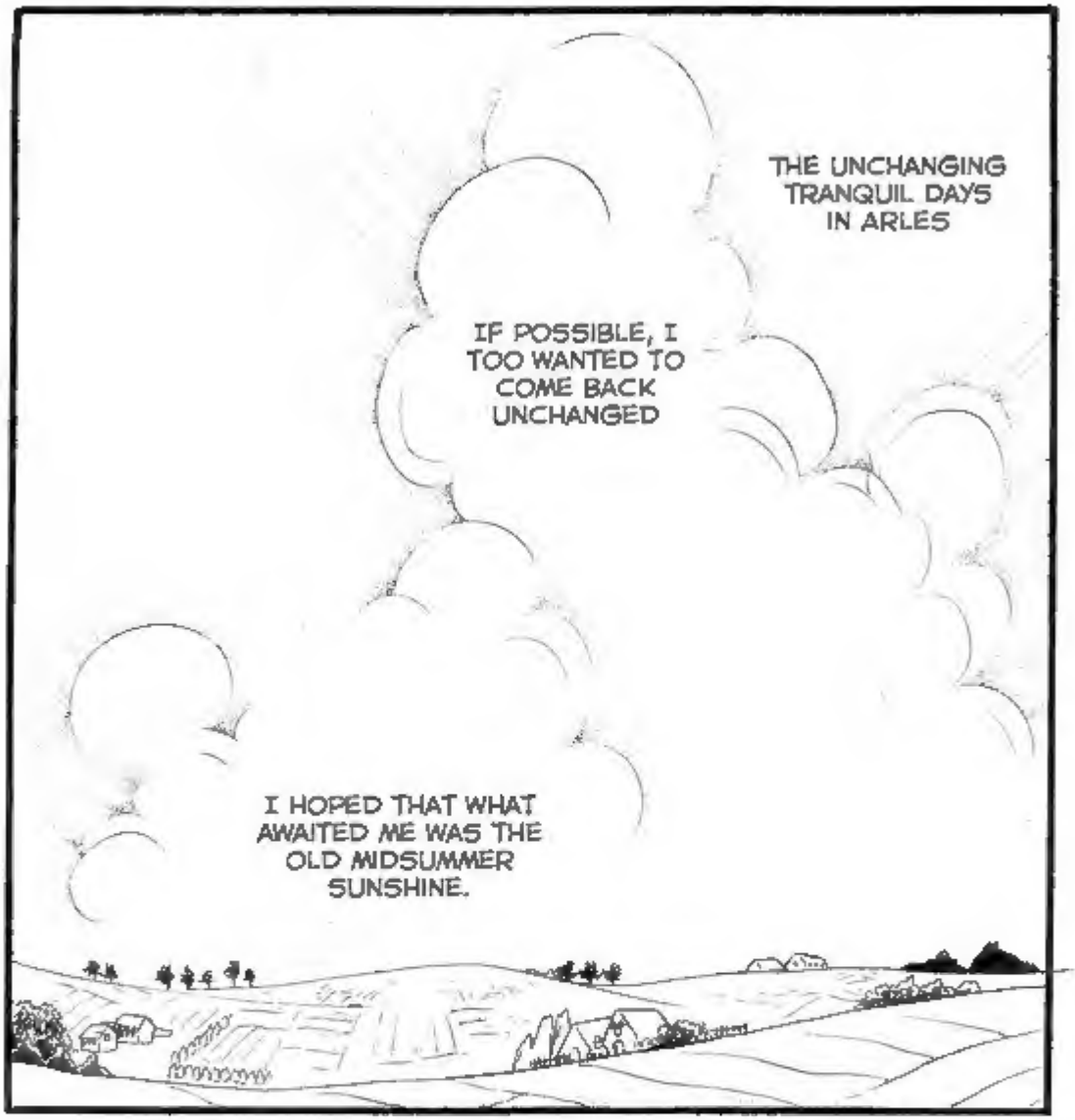
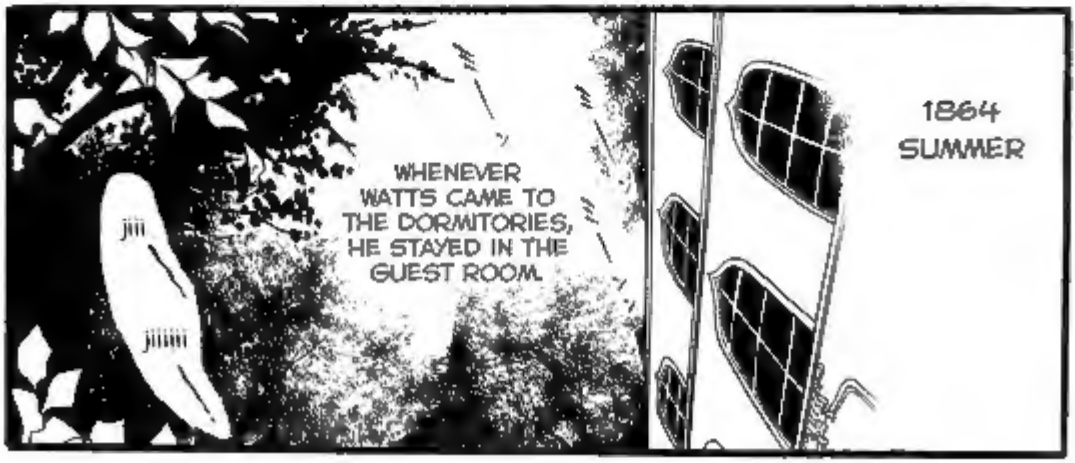

THE UNCHANGING TRANQUIL DAYS IN ARLES
IF POSSIBLE, I TOO WANTED TO COME BACK UNCHANGED
I HOPED THAT WHAT AWAITED ME WAS THE OLD MIDSUMMER SUNSHINE.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WHENEVER WATTS CAME TO THE DORMITORIES, HE STAYED IN THE GUEST ROOM.
1864 SUMMER

KNOCK
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FRAN-
ÇOIS!
I'M UP,
COME
IN!
HEY
THERE!
ARE YOU
EVEN
BIGGER
OR WHAT!
YOU
LOOK
HEALTHY!
I'VE
GOT
NOTHING
ON YOU,
THOUGH!
HOW IS IT
GOING?
I BET THAT
NOW THAT
YOU'RE USED
TO LIVING IN
THE LUXURY
OF PARIS
YOU AREN'T
ABLE TO
SLEEP IN
THE DORMI-
TORY BEDS
ANY MORE.
EH,
SURE
THING!
BUT,
HEY!
YOU COULD
SAY THIS IS
A LUXURY.
IF YOU COM-
PARE IT TO
THE QUEEN
OF THE CON-
CIERGERIE*
WOW!
WHAT A WONDER IT IS,
BEING ABLE TO HEAR
YOU SAY SUCH DANDY
WORDS!
*THE PRISON WHERE
MARIE ANTOINETTE
WAS INCARCERATED.

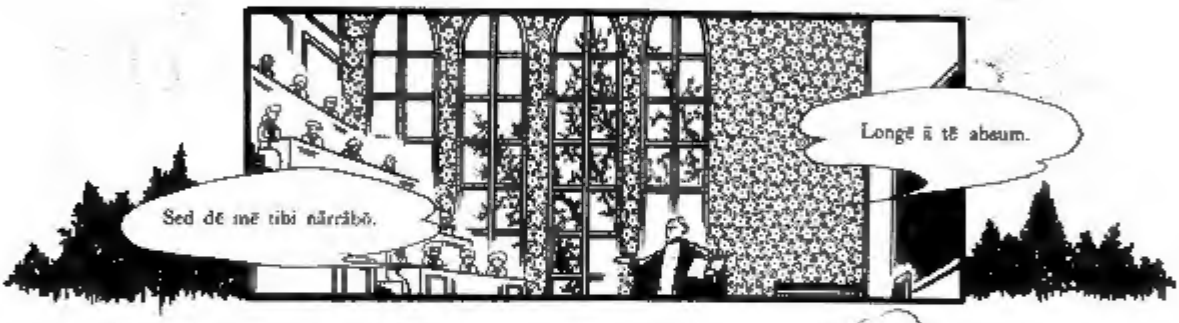
-ROUS
!!
YOU! HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT TO THE FRIEND WHO SUBMITTED HIMSELF TO A LONG TRIP TO COME VISIT YOU!
AH! LET GO! IT'S DANGE-
BATA--M!!
P
A
M
!
MY HEART ACHED, SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.
YOU MUST HAVE LOST YOUR TOUCH, SINCE ALL YOU HANDLE NOW ARE THE LADIES OF PARIS...
IS THAT SO ...
C'MERE, YOU!!
YOU'VE BECOME TOO HEAVY!!
OW OW OW
I, WHO IN EXCHANGE FOR ESCAPING DEATH PARTED WITH ONE OF MY WINGS

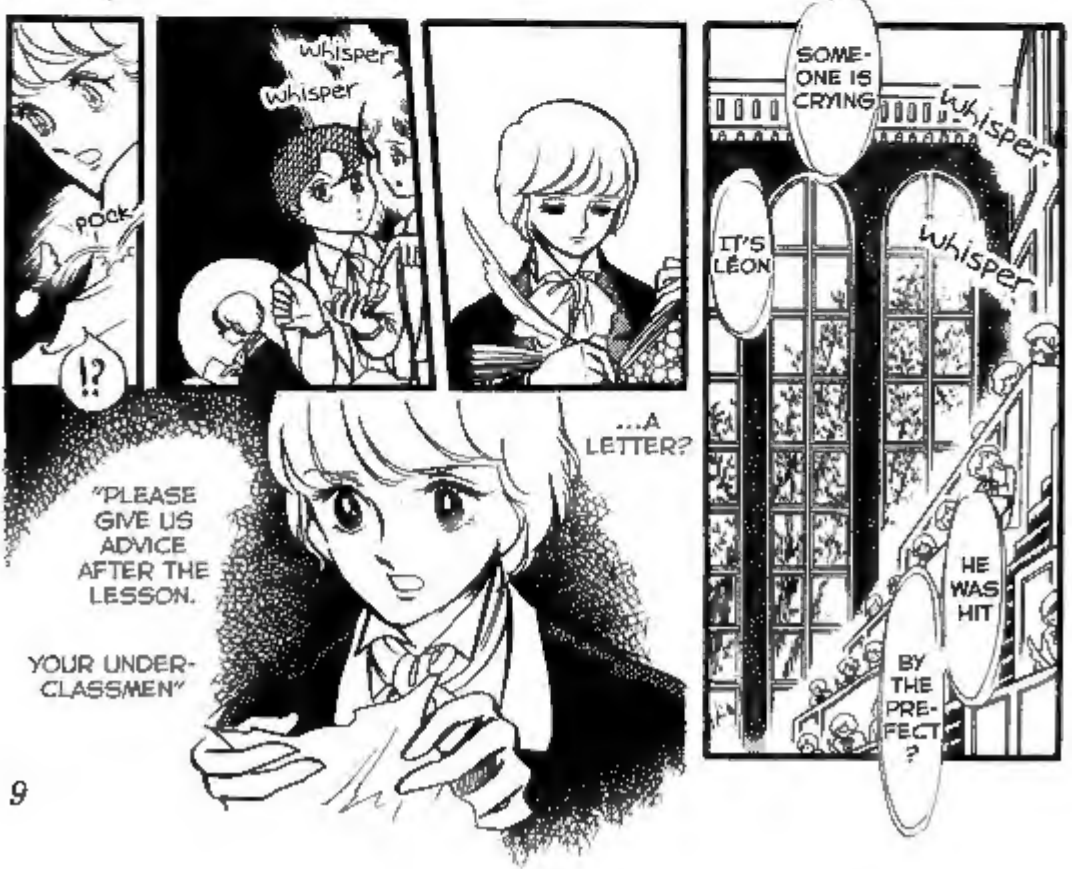
FOUND HIM!!
STRATEGIST, WHAT ARE YOU DOING! WE'RE GONNA LOSE, WE'RE GONNA LOSE!
IT SEARCHED ONCE AGAIN FOR THE "MEANING" OF LIVING.
IT'S USELESS. YOUR STRATEGIST, DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOW IS PARIS, FAR AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD.
THIS IS FATE. YOU CANNOT OPPOSE IT.
HE'S DESERTING US!!
DON'T CRY!! EVEN NAPOLEON LOST AT WATERLOO!
WE'LL FIGHT TO THE DEATH!!
WELL...
THE USUAL SCHOOL TRADITION.
BY THE WAY, HOW ARE YOU? HAVE YOU BEEN DEDICATING YOURSELF TO YOUR STUDIES, LIKE YOUR FATHER TOLD YOU TO?
RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR ME TO DO, SO I'M JUST DEDICATING MYSELF TO WHAT I CAN. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY FATHER'S WISHES, OK?

I'M HAPPY JUST BEING ALIVE.
... I UNDERSTAND. I WOULDN'T FIND IT WEIRD IF YOU'RE FEELING DESPERATE, THOUGH.
FOR NOW, YEAH.
THE PATH TO BECOMING A... VISCOUNT?
IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO CHOOSE ANOTHER PATH NOW, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T GO ALL THE WAY DOWN THE PATH TO BECOMING A PIANIST YET SO...

I DIDN'T ANSWER.

MY FRIEND ASKED ME IF, DESPITE THE CHEERFUL LOOK I WAS GIVING HIM, I REALLY REALLY NO LONGER CARED FOR THE PIANO.





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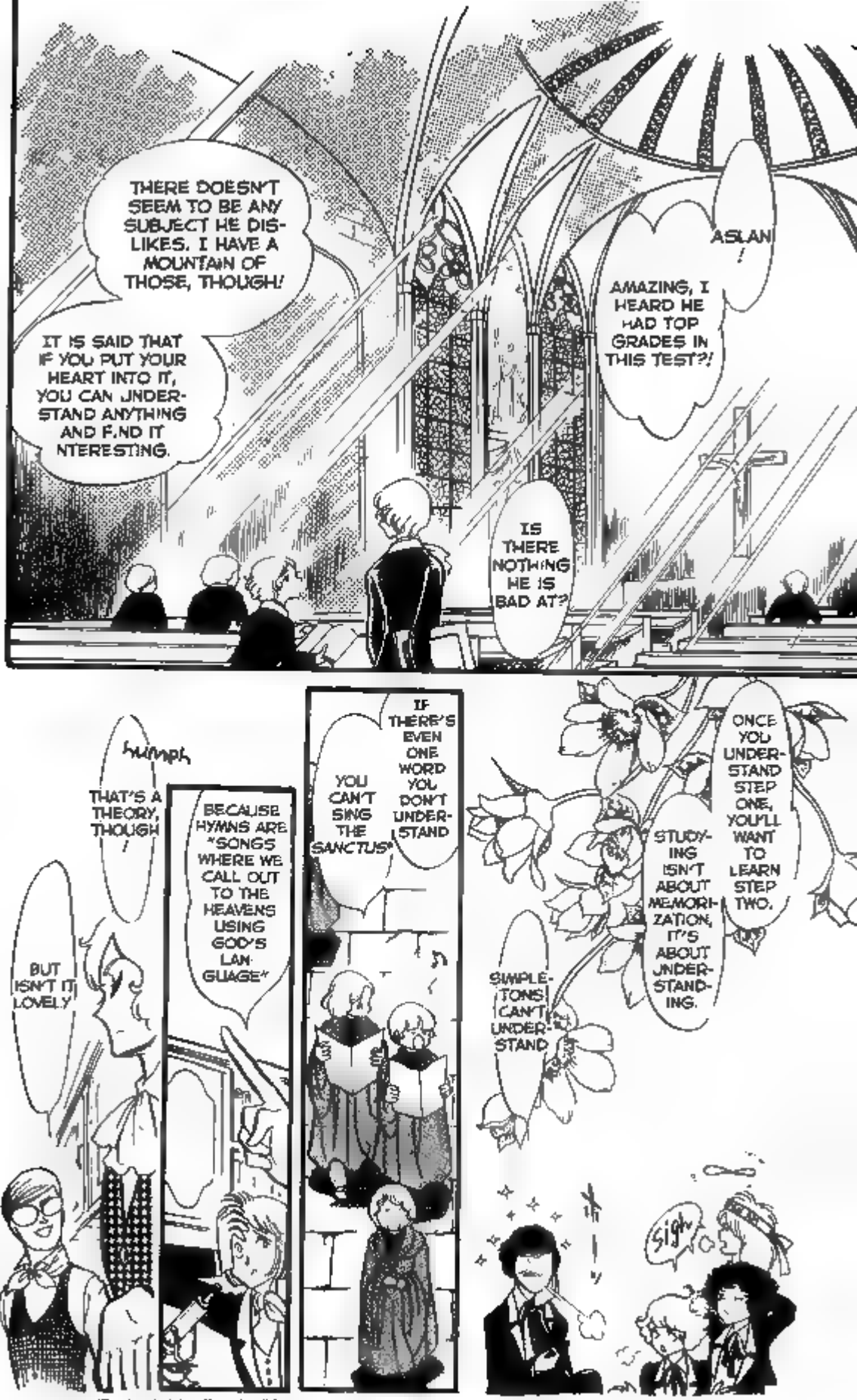
GILOT
EVERYONE HAS LIKES AND DIS-LIKES.
HE HATES LATIN, YOU SAY? BUT WHY DOES HE CRY WITH JUST THAT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT LÉON'S PROB-LEM IS!
SHH!
SO HE WAS HIT BY THE PREFECT.
LÉON DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LATIN AT ALL AND GOT A TERRIBLE GRADE IN THE LAST TEST.
WITH A WHIP ?!
POOR HIM!
YOU'RE SMART AND GOOD AT EVERY SUB-JECT, SO...
LET'S HAVE A TALK IN THE GYM-NASIUM.
YES
WELL, YOU WANT TO GET A GRADE AT LEAST GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU NOT TO BE HIT, RIGHT, LÉON?
THAT'S NOT ALL. HE WAS HUMILI-ATED IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY AND NOW, BE-CAUSE OF THAT, LÉON CAN'T GO OUTSIDE AT ALL!
IT'S OVER!

WHY DO YOU HATE IT?
BE-CAUSE I CAN'T MEMO-RIZE IT...
TO START OFF, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU THOUGHT ABOUT STUDY-ING.
IT DOESN'T MATTER THE MOTIVE. IT'S BETTER THAN NOT THINKING ABOUT DOING ANYTHING AT ALL.
IS THAT SO? DO WE REALLY NOT USE IT?
YOU NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT TALKING TO GOD?
flabbergasted
WHY CAN'T YOU?
BE-CAUSE IT'S A LAN-GUAGE WE DON'T USE.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SPEAK IT, JUST AS IT IS HARD FOR US TO SPEAK LATIN?
SO HE MEMORIZES IT FOR OUR SAKE, JUST LIKE WE DO.
BUT
OF COURSE, GOD KNOWS THE LAN-GUAGE WE USE NOWA-DAYS
respect
MOREOVER, LATIN HAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL SOUND, BEFIT-TING FOR GOD'S LANGUAGE..


ASLAN!
AMAZING, I HEARD HE HAD TOP GRADES IN THIS TEST?!
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SUBJECT HE DISLIKES. I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF THOSE, THOUGH!
IT IS SAID THAT IF YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AND FIND IT INTERESTING.
IS THERE NOTHING HE IS BAD AT?
ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND STEP ONE, YOU'LL WANT TO LEARN STEP TWO.
STUDYING ISN'T ABOUT MEMORIZATION, IT'S ABOUT UNDERSTANDING.
SIMPLETONS CAN'T UNDERSTAND
IF THERE'S EVEN ONE WORD YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
YOU CAN'T SING THE SANCTUS*
BECAUSE HYMNS ARE "SONGS WHERE WE CALL OUT TO THE HEAVENS USING GOD'S LANGUAGE"
hummph
THAT'S A THEORY, THOUGH!
BUT ISN'T IT LOVELY
sigh

*SANCTUS: "HOLY" - A HYMN.

LEAVE HIM BE. HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE HUMAN WASTE THAT WE ARE.
MY, IF HE ISN'T A GOODY TWO SHOES POSTER BOY!
ASLAN BAT-TOUR, YES?
ASLAN?
HMPH.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE GAVE HIM A POKE, I WONDER.
WOULD HE KEEP ON BEING A POSTER BOY OR NOT. .
MON-SIEUR ASLAN BAT-TOUR?

WELL, THEN . . .
HE IS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE ROAD FORK BY THE POND.
YOU'LL KNOW IF YOU GO
WHO IS HE? I DON'T KNOW HIM.
COULY?
UPPERCLASSMAN COULY? I DON'T KNOW HIM.
OH, ASLAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AH, LUTHER.
YOU'LL FAINT IF YOU WEAR THAT FORMAL GETUP IN THIS HEAT!
I'M OUT OF TIME.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT CAN I DO?

SORRY.
Y-YES? DON'T SHOUT LIKE THAT, WILL YOU.
HEY!
EH!?
LOOK, IF YOU HAVE THE TIME WOULD YOU COME TO THE POND-GUARD'S HOUSE? HE'S MAKING EGG CREPES WITH HAM.
JUST IF YOU CAN BRING LOTS OF PEOPLE!
I SHOULD BE BY THE POND, SO PLEASE LOOK FOR ME.
PLEASE BE AT HOME, HIPPA...
I'M IN A HURRY! SEE YOU!

今コたんの 1/4 Page コーナー

天使聖人間とは 性(正)のあり方よりない人間のこと。たいそうすばらしく 悪意がない。"風とともに去りぬ"のメラニー型。ふつうの人間は 長い人生の中で いろいろ経験するうちに まっすぐな考え方ばかりしていられず 時には挫折して負けて 一見考え、陥る。故に天使聖人間を見ると コンプレックスを刺激され 感情的にふもしろくない。僕って右のような八方ヤを書く。じつは私も書きたいのだ。しかし 人間なればこそ 天使(正)と悪魔(負)のはざま、立てるのだなぁ。両方とも知っている自分をなげくのはよそう。天使聖人間は世の中半分しか見てない。でも同然なのである。ふふ、ヤバかったかしらん。

☆お知らせ☆

♡竹宮恵子後援会 "さんるむ"より第四期会員 若干名 募集。
なお すでに申込んだ方で まだ入会案内書の届かないかたは このコーナーまでお知らせください。

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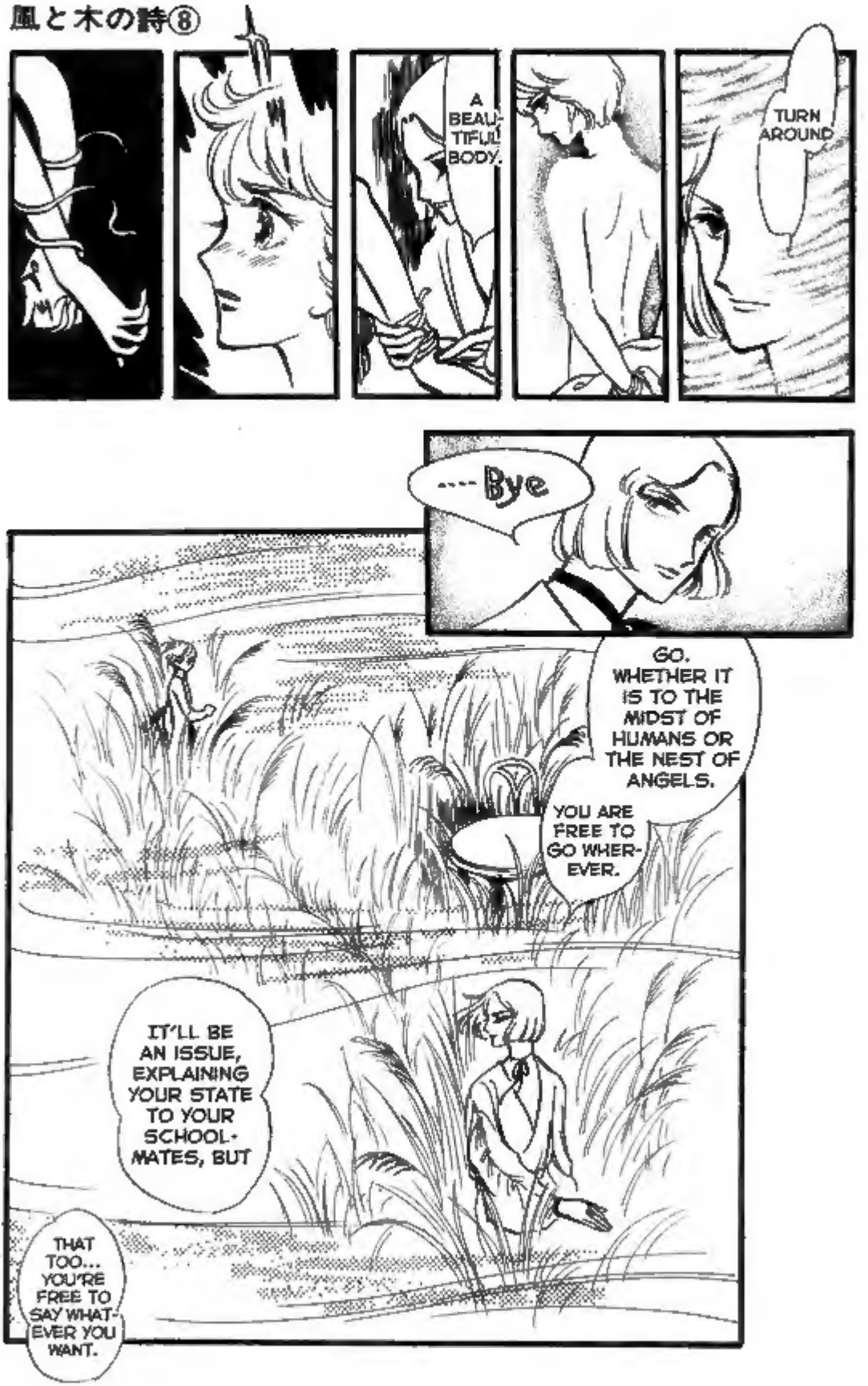
村田 順子
あてでもけっこうです

GET OFF!
HUSH!
THERE, THERE!
AH!
WE CAN AVOID BEING SEEN THERE.
GET INTO THE GRASS.
IT SEEMS YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR'S BACCALAURÉAT.
YOU'RE RISING UP TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
.....
.....
HUH? HOW SO?
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE IMPUDENT TOWARDS US, YOUR SUPERIORS?

I CAN'T DO THAT!
BE A GOOD BOY AND STOP TAKING THE BACCALAUREAT.
WELL... HOW SHOULD I PUT IT
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.
DO WHAT YOU WILL NOW.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME TO STOP
I HAVE AN APPROPRIATE REASON TO BE HURRYING THINGS UP.
HIS VOICE IS TREMBLING.
THEN YOU AT LEAST HAD BETTER HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR THAT!
HOLD HIM!
HAVE IN MIND WHY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE DORMITORY TODAY!!

AH....
DON'T BE AFRAID!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT!
WHA-
HOW RIDICU LOUS.
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU TOLD ME SOMETHING NTERESTING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN?
AND THAT IF I DROPPED BY YOU'D SHOW ME HOW TO PLUCK THE WINGS OF AN ANGEL?

BE PRE-PARED!
COULY, I REALIZED NOW WHAT'S YOUR LEVEL.
STARTING TOMORROW, I'M LETTING LEVA BE THE SUPERIN-TENDENT.
SUPERIN-TENDENT THE STU-DENT SUPERIN-TENDENT?!
AU-GUSTE!
IS THIS BOY?!


A BEAU-TIFUL BODY.
TURN AROUND
---Bye
GO. WHETHER IT IS TO THE MIDST OF HUMANS OR THE NEST OF ANGELS.
YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHER-EVER.
IT'LL BE AN ISSUE, EXPLAINING YOUR STATE TO YOUR SCHOOL-MATES, BUT
THAT TOO... YOU'RE FREE TO SAY WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

IS HE... YOUNGER THAN ME?
SHARP EYES WITH A PIERCING GLINT.
IS THAT SELF-CONFI-DENCE?
MAJESTI-CALLY.
HE WENT AGAINST 4 UPPER-CLASSMEN

WAH! ASLAN!
WHAT'S WITH THE STATE YOU'RE IN!
ASLAN!!
HE SAID HE'D BE BY THE POND. WE SHOULD GO CHECK...
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY! EVEN THOUGH HE TOLD US TO COME.
SO I TOOK THE CHANCE TO GO FOR A SWIM.
AND GOT COVERED IN MUD.
I FELL ON THE BOG
THE HECK, WHAT KIND OF FALL WAS THAT?
HIS BUTTONS ARE ALL TORN OFF.
IS THAT BECAUSE OF HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE?
HE SEEMED SMALL! AND HAD SLENDER LIMBS.
DESPITE THAT, HE HAD A STRANGE INTENSITY.

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